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BERNSTEIN, PHILIP S.

What the Jews believe.

A noted rabbi explains the beliefs of Judaism by following the cycle of holy days and festivals in the Jewish calendar. 296 B53lw

KERTZER, MORRIS N.

What is a Jew?

Answers such queries as "Who names the baby in Jewish families?" "Do Jews have parochial schools?" Based on a Look Magazine article. 296 K4lw

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AUSUBEL, NATHAN

Pictorial history of the Jewish people, from Bible times to our own day, throughout the world.

Take a memorable march down the ages: with Abraham and Sarah departing for Canaan, with today's Israeli children planting seedlings for the future.

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Pilgrims in a new land.

From the pen of an eminent Bostonian come these series of essays and personality sketches of Jews who have left a lasting imprint on the American scene.

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*HANDLIN, OSCAR

Adventures in freedom, three hundred years
of Jewish life in America.

"Wandering, at first almost by accident
and then in a great mass movement, the
Jews moved into a society unlike any they
had encountered in their previous exist-
ence."

296 H236

*PESSIN, DEBORAH

History of the Jews in America.

Brief survey of the immigrants and native-
born Americans who have enriched all areas
of life - music, art, politics, jurispru-
dence - from 1654 to the present.

296 P475h

SIMONHOFF, HARRY

Jewish notables in America, 1776-1865,
links of an endless chain.

From a matriarch to a merchant prince,
here are the little known contributors
to our nation.

296 S598j

DEDICATED JEWS

BAKER, RACHEL M.

Sigmund Freud.

Details of Freud's life - his Jewish
background, conflicts with his parents,
early education - combine with a study
of his basic theories and their impact
on modern art and education.

92 F8892b

EPSTEIN, BERYL W.

The great Houdini, magician extraordinary.

How a rabbi's son became a master showman
with his magic acts.

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EPSTEIN, BERYL W.

Lillian Wald, angel of Henry Street.

Born of immigrants who found prosperity in their new homeland, Lillian gave up a life of comfort to nurse the deprived people of New York's lower East Side.

92 W157e

EWEN, DAVID

The story of George Gershwin.

How the music of a Brooklyn boy, including "Rhapsody in Blue" and "Porgy and Bess", delighted listeners around the world. Emphasis is on the musical aspects of the composer's life with little reference to his Jewish background.

92 G381e

Also recommended is Ewen's The story of Irving Berlin.

92 B515e

*FERBER, EDNA

A peculiar treasure.

Filled with love of life and family and creative work, the author of So Big summarizes her life: "It has been my privilege, then, to have been a human being on the planet Earth; and to have been an American, a writer, a Jew."

92 F346a

GOULD, JEAN R.

Sidney Hillman, great American.

The head of the Yeshiva which Sidney attended in Russia once reminded the eager lad, "You could have a great career as a rabbi, my son." Instead, the boy grew up to become one of America's leading labor men, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. 92 H6543g

LAVINE, SIGMUND A.

Steinmetz, maker of lightning.

Escaping the German secret police,
Steinmetz found refuge and a remarkable scientific career in the United States.

92 S823La

LEVINGER, ELMA E.

Albert Einstein.

Shocked deeply by Hitler's purge of the Jews, the mastermind of relativity renounced his German citizenship for American democracy and for Zionism.

92 E35L

*MAGIDOFF, ROBERT

Yehudi Menuhin; the story of the man and the musician.

George Bernard Shaw once said of him:
"Listening to an artist like Yehudi makes even an atheist believe in God."

92 M5493m

*MASON, ALPHEUS T.

Brandeis, a free man's life.

Reared in a Jewish household where religious observances were absent, Brandeis did not identify himself with his people until DeHaas, editor of Boston's Jewish Advocate, filled him with the Zionist dream. A long biography with emphasis on Brandeis the jurist.

92 B817m

MERRIAM, EVE

Emma Lazarus, woman with a torch.

Remembered as the poetess who put the Statue of Liberty into verse, Emma Lazarus is revealed here as the brilliant spokeswoman - first reluctant, then ardent - for world Jewry.

92 U431m

HOMELAND

BAKER, NINA B.

Next year in Jerusalem, the story of
Theodor Herzl.

A Viennese journalist, tormented by the injustices of the Dreyfus case, travelled from palace to sultanate to banking house to gain support for a Jewish homeland.

92 H582ba

BAKER, RACHEL M.

Chaim Weizmann, builder of a nation.

His dream of a sanctuary for his people led from Polish ghetto to presidency of the new state of Israel.

92 W436b

BAR-DAVID, MOLLY L.

My promised land.

A Canadian-born Jewish girl pioneered in Palestine and helped found the Jewish state. Shows simple devotion to family and Zionism.

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EDELMAN, LILY

Israel.

Recently returned from Israel, Mrs. Edelman gives a first-hand account of the country where everyone is an archaeologist, a worker, and a patriot.

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GRUBER, RUTH

Israel today: land of many nations.

Here are the pioneers of the kibbutzim, the bustling citizens of Tel Aviv, the Jews of Djerba with a "regal splendor in their poverty," and the Yemenites, who are called the oldest Jewish community in the world.

HOFFMAN, GAIL

The land and people of Israel.

The author shows how renaissance in Palestine means progress for the Jews and adjustment for the Arab residents.

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ST. JOHN, ROBERT

Ben-Gurion; the biography of an extraordinary man.

With singular dedication this fiery little man made his boyhood assertion come true: "One day I will be the leader of Israel."

92 B456s

*ST. JOHN, ROBERT

Tongue of the prophets, the life story of Eliezer Ben Yehuda.

Shows how a Jewish philologist revived the ancient Hebrew language and made it possible in Israel "for several million people to order groceries, drive cattle, make love, and curse their neighbors" in a common tongue.

92 B468s

*ZEITLIN, ROSE

Henrietta Szold, record of a life.

When Rabbi Szold's eldest daughter witnessed Russian-persecuted Jews as they set foot on American soil, she dreamed of a haven for her people. Years later - as founder of Hadassah and tireless patriot - she saw her Zionism become reality. 92 S998z

JEWISH CHILDHOODS

*ANGOFF, CHARLES

When I was a boy in Boston.

Fictionalized memories of the author's youthful associates and family. Includes a wonderful sharing of first love, his adoration of Laura.

ANTIN, MARY

The promised land.

The author recalls her youth in Poland and her precious new life in America. Boston landmarks - Latin School, Dover Street, the Public Library - emerge in the warm glow of Mary's excited, grateful discovery. 92 A6315ap

*BEHRMAN, S. N.

The Worcester account.

Memories of growing up in the Jewish community in Worcester, Massachusetts, with side trips into Boston. A delightful roster of Jewish family and friends people the author's past!

*DAICHES, DAVID

Two worlds, an Edinburgh Jewish childhood.

A literary critic recalls his youth:

"The streets and meadows and hills of Edinburgh represented the timeless world, while my religion, with its fixed times and seasons, its recurring sabbaths and feasts and fasts, each with its own synagogue and domestic ritual, was a world strictly divided into temporal units." 92 D132a

FRANK, ANNE

Anne Frank: the diary of a young girl.

Hiding from the Nazis in a deserted Amsterdam warehouse, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl confides her innermost thoughts to paper. 940.548 F828

Read, also, the dramatized version of Anne's war experiences in The diary of Anne Frank by Frances G. Hackett.

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*KAZIN, ALFRED

A walker in the city.

All the poignant, pungent atmosphere of Brooklyn - the "dumpy bodies" on tenement stoops, "the liturgical refrain 'Kosher-Bosher' lettered on the windows of the butcher shops," cases of empty seltzer bottles - are captured in the author's nostalgic walks through the streets of his childhood. 92 K235a

KOGAN, DAVID S.

The diary of David Kogan.

For ten years prior to his tragic death from lymphoma in his senior year at Cornell, David recorded the thoughts and activities of his growing-up as a well-to-do only child. Reveals particularly his Jewish affiliations. 92 K785a

SCHNABEL, ERNST

Anne Frank, a portrait in courage.

Anne in school, in hiding, and in concentration camps, as more than forty people piece together their memories of the young diarist. 92 F8275s

JEWS IN NOVELS

ABRAHAMS, ROBERT D.

Room for a son.

Aaron Levy and his wife lost their only son in the war. A simple novel of how these lonely "former" parents gained another son.

FAST, HOWARD M.

Haym, Salomon, son of liberty.

How a Polish immigrant amassed a fortune with which he supported the American Revolution.

HALPER, ALBERT

The golden watch.

Shows an affectionate Jewish grocer's family in Chicago's West Side. Dave, the younger son and narrator, gives humorous touches to problems and personalities. Memorable are Sam, a flashy dresser, and mustachioed Uncle Tutti.

HERSEY, JOHN R.

The wall.

The setting is the Warsaw ghetto where Jews by the thousands met death at Nazi hands, and a few survived.

*IKOR, ROGER

The sons of Avrom.

How Avrom, an immigrant Jew from Russia, reaches Paris in his search for freedom. His simple, moving story could have been written about any man, his family, and his faith.

KUBIE, NORA B.

Joel.

Joel Davidov came to America from Poland expecting to find freedom ready-made but had to fight in the Revolution to obtain it, meanwhile trying to reconcile his love for a Gentile girl with his devotion to Jewish beliefs.

*MANKOWITZ, WOLF

A kid for two farthings.

In the bustling Jewish sector of London's East End, lonely Joe possesses a lucky unicorn - for just a little while.

*RABINOWITZ, SHALOM

Adventures of Mottel, the cantor's son.

Known as the "Yiddish Mark Twain," the author portrays here the life of a Russian-born cantor's son who emigrated to New York. Amusing, refreshing sketches of Mottel's old friends in Russia and new friends in New York.

*ROSENBERG, ETHEL

Go fight City Hall.

Merry doings in landlord Kugel's Brooklyn apartment house with the warm interplay of individuals like Uncle Julius, who loves riding subways; Morris, who is a "nasher"; and Hannah, who has her cap set for Howie.

ROSTEN, LEO C.

The education of Hyman Kaplan.

Hyman makes friends and laughter as he joins - and captivates - a class of Americans-to-be.

*STEIN, HANA

The wedding.

"The dresses were only hired, and it took the savings of many years to pay for the sumptuous banquet." On this, Becky's wedding day, her widowed mother and troubled sister reconsider their lonely lives.

*SUHL, YURI

Cowboy on a wooden horse.

Humorous drama unfolds as an eighteen-year-old Jewish boy - just arrived from Poland - copes with the intricacies of labor unions and love.